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A wild solitude



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A lone tree stands amid a frozen landscape on the Southern Ute Reservation on Tuesday, Jan. 8, as early morning temperatures continue to hover in the single digits in the new year. For more winter scenes on the reservation, see page 7.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kaylor Shemberger, interim director of the Tribal Health Department, stands for a portrait at the Southern Ute Health Center on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

YOUR HEALTH

Interim director: Health Dept. must build vision for future

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As a young man, the new interim director of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department never envisioned a career in health care — let alone one so long and storied.

“I never had that on my radar at all,” Kaylor Shemberger said, adding that he originally wanted to be a design engineer. But when, as an undergraduate at Central Michigan University, he took an assignment to design a lawnmower, he said, “I realized through that experience that I was really more of a people person.”

So he found himself instead with a bachelor’s degree in business, graduating in 1970. With the Vietnam War then at its height, he joined the military, but was involved in a car accident and received a medical discharge shortly thereafter.

It was a family connection that first introduced him to the world of medicine. Fortune smiled on Shemberger, a young graduate living with his parents in Indiana while searching for a job, when his stepmother, who worked at a local hospital, suggested he meet with the CEO. Shortly thereafter, he was hired on as chief financial officer of LaGrange County Hospital.

In the years that followed, Shemberger became a ris-

ing star in the health care administration world, enjoying a series of quick graduations to bigger hospitals and greater responsibilities. His first CEO gig came in 1972 at Watervliet Community Hospital in western Michigan, where over seven years he led the design, financing and building of an entirely new hospital.

Shemberger said for that project, he drew on experience working summer construction jobs as a young man.

“I really enjoyed that,” he said. “I had the opportunity ... to get involved in remodeling, renovation and I really liked it.”

From there he moved to a large Catholic teaching hospital, Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., as vice president of ambulatory services.

“It was an opportunity there to get involved in a number of things I hadn’t done yet in my career,” he said, including heading up several residency programs. “I had this tremendous opportunity to get involved in medical education early on.”

In 1984, Shemberger took a jaunt across the country to Chandler, Ariz. — then the second-fastest-growing city in the country, just southeast of Phoenix — to join the midsized Chandler Regional Hospital as chief executive. To keep up with population

growth, he oversaw the expansion of the hospital — it had about 100 beds then, about 400 now — and the construction of several satellite facilities, including doctors’ offices and urgent care centers.

“It grew fast, and I was part of it,” he said.

Consolidation of hospital ownership in the Phoenix market prompted Shemberger to seek partners for his own facility. The hospital ultimately merged with Catholic Healthcare West (now Dignity Health) — though he wouldn’t stick around afterward. Having built relationships with others during the partner-search process, Shemberger opted again to try something new: working for a for-profit health care system.

From 1998 to 2002, he served as CEO of Mercy Hospital in New Orleans, a 250-bed facility with a strong organ transplant system. It was there that Shemberger said he had one of the most meaningful experiences of his career: Having signed up in a bone marrow donor database some time earlier, he received a call that he was a match for a five-year-old patient.

“I had an opportunity on a personal basis to become a transplant donor,” he said. “That was probably one of

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A Dec. 18, 2012, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council resolution established a 100-foot tobacco-free perimeter around the south entrance of the SunUte Community Center. The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Lasso Tobacco Coalition were instrumental in lobbying for the change.

YOUR HEALTH

Boys & Girls Club youth produce film on sacred uses of tobacco

Staff report
SU BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Two years ago, the staff and members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe embarked on a journey that started with the SMART Moves program focusing on the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and working to create a smoke-free perimeter around the SunUte Recreation Center.

They made a presentation directly to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and

the project continued with the PeaceJam club members with the support from a grant from San Juan Basin Health and the Lasso Tobacco Coalition.

This sparked the curiosity of BGC PeaceJam club members. They wanted to learn about the differences between the sacred uses of tobacco and commercialized tobacco. PeaceJam leader Crystal Garnanez saw an opportunity to use the creative arts to educate her club members on the subject of tobacco.

The project grew quickly thanks to the interest and imagination of the kids, and the idea of making a film about their research was developed. The group traveled to Denver for a film festival to gather ideas for their film.

A film director/videographer, Carl Geers, was contracted by SJBH and production began. The kids came up with the idea to interview community members knowledgeable about the different uses of tobacco. They soon

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Tamales for Christmas



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Lindsay Box, education coordinator with the Southern Ute Cultural Department, shows tribal elders how to make tamales on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, with the help of (left) Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Tauri Raines.



NEWS IN BRIEF

FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO MAIL ALL 1099 TAX FORMS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Finance Department is scheduled to mail all (tribal distribution and AP/AR) 1099 tax forms to the tribal members on Friday, Jan. 18. The Payroll Department is scheduled to have all W2s ready for pick up Jan. 22 through Jan. 25 at noon. All remaining payroll tax information will be mailed the afternoon of Jan. 25.

TRIBE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR FOCUS GROUPS

The Department of Tribal Planning is looking for tribal-member volunteers to participate in a focus group regarding the future of health care services for tribal membership. These focus groups are critical to your health needs; this will be the first opportunity to gain information and express input on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. There will be two sessions available to you on Jan. 31 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. Tribal-member participation is highly encouraged. Call 970-563-4749 or email mgomez@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up. The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. Jan. 25.

AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

HEALTH CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

New hours for the operation of the Southern Ute Health Center will begin on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012. The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. The clinic will begin scheduling appointments starting at 8:15 a.m. each day, with the last appointment of the day at 4 p.m. The clinic will be closed each day during the lunch hour between noon and 1 p.m. A receptionist will be available during the lunch period to provide any necessary communications. Appointments are encouraged to ensure timely visits with a primary care provider and the healthcare team. Walk-in visits without an appointment will be seen in order of presentation.

LOST AND FOUND BICYCLES

The Southern Ute Police Department has recovered bicycles in storage. If you have had your bicycle lost or stolen in the past year, please call the Southern Ute Police Department to see if we have recovered it. You will need to have an accurate description of the bike in order to claim it. Please contact Community Resource Officer Don Folsom at 970-563-0246 ext. 3301.

MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Executive Officer Lena Atencio began her new duties in the Tribal Affairs Building. Atencio had worked for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for more than 23 years. She started out as a GC2 clerk and ended her tenure as administrative officer.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 10, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

A Drum contest asked: Can you identify where this boundary sign is?

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 8, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



S.R. Frost/SU Tribal Health Services

30 years ago

Dusty Baker, tribal community health representative, performs one of the many duties with which the CHRs were charged daily.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 14, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

Call Peter Dietrich at
970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information.




New Club Fees for 2013!

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| <u>Annual Fee</u> \$15 \$5 for Tribal Members | <u>Summer Camp</u> \$20 per week Free for Tribal Members |
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SUNUTE RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL



Starting January 07, 2013

Youth League Practice Days

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>5 & 6 yr Olds</u> | <u>7 & 8 yr Olds</u> | <u>9 & 10 yr Olds</u> | <u>9 & 10 yr Olds</u> |
| Warriors | Bulls | Celtics | Sixers |
| Clippers | Celtics | Lakers Heat | Blazers |
| Spurs | Heat | Knicks | <u>11 & 12 yr Olds</u> |
| Heat | Rockets | Rockets | Heat |
| Lakers | Blazers | Spurs | Warriors |
| Timberwolves | Magic | | Lakers |

Opening Ceremony at 6pm on February 8th.

Youth League Games Run From 11 Feb To 8 Apr.

All Youth Games will be played on the same nights as practice.

SUNUTE RECREATION AT
970-563-0214 OR AT WWW.SUNUTE.COM



Royalty in Dulce



photos Tom Alires/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members participate in a grand entry at the third annual Department of Youth Christmas Childrens Powwow at the Jicarilla Community Center gym in Dulce, N.M., on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate Odyssey Baker-Silva introduces herself and welcomes dancers and drummers.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee

Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please write letter of intent
ATTN: SCSYAC, PO Box 737, Ignacio, co 81137

Email: sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov
Any questions or concerns please contact
Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355

CULTURAL UPDATE

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME AND ARTWORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to start the New Year off by getting everybody pumped up for the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair, so what better way to start than with a contest! The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2013 Southern Ute Fair for all Ute members. ALL medias of art will be accepted until March 29 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Selected artwork will be featured on ALL items involved with the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork. Submit to the Southern Ute Cultural Department at P.O. Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

ELDERS QUILTING CLASS

We will be having an Elders Quilting Class Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's Large Classroom. The Cultural Department is providing six sewing machines for elders who do not have a sewing machine, first come first serve; to reserve a spot call Lindsay Box at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306. The class is still open to those elders who can bring their own sewing machines. Deadline to reserve a spot is Friday, Jan. 18 for the class on Jan. 23. All elders participating must call and signup through Lindsay Box in order to purchase the appropriate quantity of supplies for the class.

SOUTHERN UTE ELDERS JANUARY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

January Birthday Luncheon for Southern Ute tribal elders will be held on Jan. 25 in the museum's Large Classroom starting at 12 p.m. The menu will consist of brisket, chicken and rice, macaroni salad, tortillas, lemon meringue pie and chopped green chili.

MUSEUM'S NEW HOURS

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will now be closed Saturday through Monday, until Memorial Day weekend when we move back to our summer hours. For further information contact the museum at 970-563-9583.

UTE LANGUAGE 103, WEDNESDAYS

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum, large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you're on the list but haven't been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̥ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

23. Expressions of possession

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

23.1. ORIENTATION

In this column we will discuss possession clauses in Ute. The first two types involve a semantic distinction we have already seen, between **obligatory** (“inherent”) and **incidental** (“temporary”) possession.

As noted earlier, kinship and body-part nouns are obligatorily possessed in Ute, and cannot appear without some **possessor suffix pronoun**, as in *m̥a-n* ‘my father,’ *piwa-m* ‘your spouse,’ *chaqhachi-u* ‘his/her younger brother,’ etc.; or *tachi-n* ‘my head,’ *sap̥u-m* ‘your stomach,’ *p̥aagi-u* ‘his/her hair,’ etc. Most other nouns can only be possessed incidentally or temporarily, and can only take an **independent** possessor pronoun, as in *n̥n̥ay panaqha-r̥* ‘my money,’ *um̥as tup̥y-ch̥i* ‘your rock,’ or *uwayas t̥a* ‘his/her shirt.’

A small group of nouns can be possessed either way. Thus *puku-n* ‘my horse’ refers to a special personal horse, while *n̥n̥ay kava* ‘my horse’ refers to a horse that is owned and may be bought or sold. Likewise, *sari-vuku-n* ‘my dog’ is a personal household pet, while *n̥n̥ay sari-ch̥i* ‘my dog’ may come and go into my possession.

23.2. OBLIGATORY-POSSESSION CLAUSES

In obligatory-possession clauses in Ute use the irregular verb *-ga-* ‘have,’ which incorporates the possessed-object noun as a prefix to the verb stem. Sometimes the possessed noun loses its noun suffix, but in many cases it doesn’t. Any modifier of the possessed noun, if present, must appear aan independent word, and then carries **direct-object** marking, as in (1a, b) below. Thus, with a kinship term as the possessed object:

- (1) a. **SG-possessor, SG-possessed:**
tuachi-gya-p̥uga
child-**have**-REM
‘(s/he) had a child,’
- b. **PL-possessor, PL-possessed:**
'ava'ntu-m̥ tuachi-u-gwa-gha-p̥uga
many-AN/O child-PL-**have**-PL-REM
‘(they) had many children’

Very commonly, the verb “have” in obligatory-possession clauses appears with the habitual/nominal suffix *-t̥*, if the possessor is singular. If the possessor is plural, the nominal plural suffix *-m̥* must be then added. Often, the verb “have” is also followed by the verbal plural suffix (variants of *-ka-*), resulting in **double plural** marking. Thus compare:

- (2) a. **SG-possessor:**
piwa-gha-t̥
spouse-have-NOM
‘(s/he) has a spouse,’ ‘(s/he) is a married person’
- b. **PL-possessor:**
pi-viwa-gh̥a-qa-t̥-m̥
RED-spouse-have-**PL**-NOM-**PL**
‘(they) have spouses,’ ‘(they) are married people’

Similarly with body parts:

- (3) a. **SG-possessor:**
s̥uu-kus pu'i-gya-t̥
one-O eye-**have**-REM
‘(s/he) had (only) one eye’
- b. **SG-possessor:**
ka-'ay-wa-t̥ mugua-gha-t̥
NEG-good-NEG-NOM/O heart-**have**-NOM
‘(s/he) has a bad heart’
- c. **SG-possessor:**
'í kava way-ku kw̥asi-gya-p̥uga
that/S horse/S two-O tail-**have**-NOM
‘that horse had two tails’

Inherent **mental qualities** are also obligatorily possessed, just like body parts:

- (4) a. **SG-possessor:**
puwa-gha-t̥
power-have-NOM
‘(s/he) has medicine power,’ ‘(s/he is) a Medicine Man/Woman’
- b. **PL-possessor:**
pu-vuwa-gh̥a-qa-t̥-m̥
RED-power-have-**PL**-NOM-**PL**
‘(they) have medicine power,’ ‘(they are) Medicine Persons’

In (4f) above, the possessed noun is also pluralized, by **reduplicating** (RED-) the first syllable of the noun.

As noted above, some nouns can be possessed either obligatorily or incidentally. This is where one can see most clearly the contrast between the two modes of possession. Thus compare:

- (5) a. **Obligatorily possessed (SG-possessor):**
kani-gya-t̥
house-have-NOM
‘(s/he) has a house/home,’ ‘(s/he is) a homeowner’
- b. **Obligatorily possessed (PL-possessor):**
ka-ghani-gya-gha-t̥-m̥
RED-house-have-**PL**-NOM-**PL**
‘(they) have a house,’ ‘(they are) home-owners’
- c. **Incidentally possessed (SG-possessor):**
w̥áy-ku kani 'uni-aa-gha-t̥
‘(s/he) owns two houses’
- d. **Incidentally possessed (PL-possessor):**
w̥áy-ku kani 'uni-aa-gha-qa-t̥-m̥
two-O house/O POSS-O-have-**PL**-NOM-**PL**
‘(they) own two houses’

In the next column we will discuss the two other types of possession clauses, **incidental** (as in (5c,d) above) and **existential**.



KIDNEY CORNER

Breaking down your GFR

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

“My doctor says my GFR is down. What does this mean and what should I do about it?”

GFR, which stands for “glomerular filtration rate,” is one of the most useful ways of measuring kidney function. It represents the rate at which blood is filtered by the kidney and is an approximation of the ability of the kidneys to remove toxins.

When measuring the kidney’s function, it is more usually more practical to measure toxin levels in the blood than in the urine. The lower the kidney function, the higher the level of toxins in the blood.

We usually measure a substance called creatinine in the blood. It’s released from breakdown of muscle cells at a fairly constant rate and is only removed by the kidneys. So the level of creatinine has become established over the years as a reasonable measure of kidney function.

However, as might be expected, since creatinine originates in muscle, muscular people produce more creatinine than thin people — and this can cause problems. For example, a



very muscular male athlete might have a higher creatinine level than, say, a thin elderly lady, even if those two individuals’ kidney function remains the same.

For this reason, we use a correction formula to determine GFR that takes into account creatinine level, age and sex. This is useful to help assess the significance of a given creatinine level.

It’s important to realize that GFR declines with age. A healthy 21-year-old person without kidney disease may have a GFR around 115 (typically a little higher in men than in women). Even healthy people, however, may deviate quite considerably from these numbers.

And the GFR measured on different days may also vary quite considerably based on the hydration status at the time of the measurement (and possibly also due to some inherent

potential inaccuracy of the test, which appears to be unavoidable.) As we age, GFR tends to decline, and it’s normal for levels to decline down to the 70s, 60s and even 50s with age.

The National Kidney Foundation defines chronic kidney disease as occurring when GFR declines below 60. This has been a controversial definition, because as you can see from our preceding discussion, normal aging of the kidney could result in a person being labeled as having chronic kidney disease.

It’s possible that over time, this definition of kidney disease may change, but in the meantime it’s worth remembering that kidney function tests should be interpreted with consideration to age, and that a decrease in kidney function may be more ominous in a young than an old patient.

As we have discussed previously in the Kidney Corner, chronic kidney disease is classified according to the GFR, from Stage 1 chronic kidney disease, in which the GFR is normal, to Stage 5 chronic kidney disease, in which the GFR is below 15, around which level dialysis typically needs to be started.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center lifeguards Stephanie Hoselton (left) and Jacob Posey stand in the Leonard C. Burch Building’s Hall of Warriors on Friday, Dec. 14 after receiving honor blankets from Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Hoselton and Posey helped resuscitate a swimmer in the SunUte pool area after nearly drowning on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

SUNUTE RECREATION

Fast-acting lifeguards save swimmer

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Stephanie Hoselton has been lifeguarding on and off all her life. But on Dec. 12, 2012, her decades of training were put to a test like never before — with life and death on the line.

It was around 11 a.m., and the pool area at the SunUte Community Center had been enjoying a relatively quiet Wednesday. Hoselton was swimming laps in one of the pool’s 25-yard lanes. In the next lane over, a regular customer — a highly fit, 19-year-old man training for the U.S. Navy SEALs — was swimming the entire length of the pool underwater, an exercise known as “twenty-fives.”

Finishing up a lap, Hoselton waited at the end of the pool for the other swimmer to arrive; having seen him around, a little chatting between laps was nothing unusual. But it quickly became clear something was wrong.

“I stopped and was going to ask him a question, and he didn’t surface,” she said.

Fellow lifeguard Jacob Posey noticed immediately and called to Hoselton to check on him. The two quickly pulled the man from the pool, and that’s where their extensive training took over.

“It’s totally automatic,” Hoselton said of their reaction: Within seconds, Posey

was calling 911, Aquatics Coordinator Lisa Allen was rushing in, the front desk had been notified, and Hoselton began CPR on the man, who was not breathing and had turned an alarming blue shade.

Textbook chest compressions and rescue breathing quickly did their work, and before long the lifeguards learned firsthand the fruits of their monthly rescue drills: The man sputtered and threw up — though it was several minutes before enough oxygen had returned to his brain to restore rational thought.

Technically, Allen said, what the swimmer experienced was a “near drowning,” in which a person almost dies from suffocating under water. Unknown to the lifeguards, he had stepped up his training regimen to include “fifties,” which span two pool lengths underwater and are generally supervised. No water had entered his lungs, she said, but the lack of oxygen to his brain caused hypoxia, a condition that can cause severe brain damage or death if not treated quickly.

Within minutes of resuscitation, paramedics arrived on the scene. The man spent the rest of the day receiving followup medical attention at a local facility, eventually being released at about 6 p.m.

It was only a couple days

before both he and the lifeguards were back in the pool — though he now lets the lifeguards know what he’s planning to do on any given day, Allen said.

Reflecting on the experience, Hoselton said it reinforced the value of her training and reminded her that emergencies can befall even the most fit of swimmers.

“I’ve been CPR-certified since I was 16, and that was the first time I’ve ever had to use it,” she said. “I’ve always known that it could happen to everybody. I’m just more aware [now].”

Allen, who has also saved a swimmer from near drowning — there have been three in SunUte’s history — said it’s difficult for a lifeguard to calm down after such an incident.

“When you get an adrenaline rush like that, you can’t just go back to lifeguarding,” she said, adding that she sent Hoselton and Posey home for the remainder of the day.

Hoselton agreed, chuckling: “We didn’t sleep that night.”

They probably weren’t much less nervous two days later when Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., inviting them to the Tribal Administration Building to acknowledge their actions, instead surprised them with Pendleton blankets and a very public thanks in front of more than a hundred co-workers.

YOUR HEALTH

Flu season report from the Southern Ute Health Center

Staff report
SU HEALTH CENTER

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting an earlier-than-usual flu season and a more severe influenza.

Last week, 29 states reported high levels of flu activity, up from 16 the week before. The flu was

widespread in 41 states. The CDC reported that as of Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, more than 2,250 people had been hospitalized and 18 children had died from complications.

Children appear to be extremely vulnerable to this year’s influenza. The flu season is running about five weeks ahead of the aver-

age. It’s not too late to get your flu shot, even though it takes up to two weeks to provide immunity. It is important to get it as soon as possible.

This year’s flu shot is proving to be about 75 percent effective at this point. Southern Ute Health Center patients can get their flu shots on a walk-in basis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-258

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
December 18, 2012

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the legislative powers conferred upon the Tribal Council by Article VII of said Constitution, the Tribal Council has enacted laws to protect the general welfare and best interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-02 the Tribal Council authorized the creation of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, through which the Tribe desires to foster the healthy development of young people living within the Reservation and provides wholesome and developmentally appropriate activities for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe strives to create a healthy environment for and support healthy lifestyle choices of young people within the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Lasso Tobacco Coalition is receptive to working collaboratively with the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to limit youth’s exposure to tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Ute Community Center, the facility in which the Boys & Girls Club holds its programming, is receptive to implementing a 100 ft. tobacco-free perimeter; and

WHEREAS, the Lasso Tobacco Coalition is willing to provide funding to complete the process of implementing a 100 ft. tobacco-free perimeter from the front (South) entrance of SunUte Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in order to create a healthy environment for young people attending Boys & Girls Club at the Sun Ute Community Center, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council authorizes the implementation of a 100 ft. tobacco-free perimeter from the front (South) entrance to Sun Ute, except for ceremonial purposes, through the collaborative efforts of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Sun Ute Community Center, and the Lasso Tobacco Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

This resolution was duly adopted on the 18th day of December, 2012.

Mr. Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Four Corners Showdown
2013 Bowling Tournament

January 19 & 20, 2013

SKY UTE CASINO & RESORT—ROLLING THUNDER LANES

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SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT: Sun (20): 9:30 am—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

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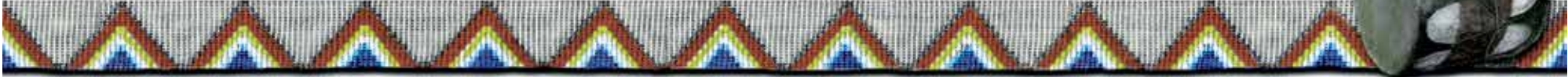
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LOCAL EDUCATION

An update on programs, relationships and for-profit policy

By La Titia Taylor
SU EDUCATION DEPT.

The Southern Ute Education Department has been developing summer enrichment programs and working to build a stronger relationship with the Ignacio School District.

Research shows that summer enrichment programs promote education success during the regular academic year. Simply by providing an engaging opportunity for students in the summer, they’ve proven to help students retain information from the previous academic year and better prepare them for the next academic year.

In the past three years, the Education Department and the Ignacio School District have improved their working relationship. As a result, we had 100 percent of Southern Ute students graduate high school.

We provide tutoring for students in Kindergarten through eighth grade at the Education Center and in grades nine through 12 at the Ignacio High School. This is where the majority of our students attend public school; however, we are working with other local school districts to continue to make them aware of our services.

We are happy to announce new or modified programs for K-12 students. In November 2012, we began the planning stages with Western State University to provide our third Explore Colorado weeklong camp, filled with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities. It’s for students in the seventh through 12th grades and will take place July 22-26.

We also will provide STEM for the younger students (K-6) through our Summer Youth In Action. Since this is a younger age group, we develop STEM programs with local groups, such as the Durango Discovery Museum, the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, the James Ranch and our Education Department teachers, just to name a few.

Department Director La Titia Taylor and Assistant Executive Officer Amy Barry have met with Los Alamos National Laboratory representatives and have re-established our relationship with the lab. This summer, we will start field trips for the younger students. Internships are now available for high school seniors and college students.

Since Los Alamos is a national laboratory, we will have connections with other labs and will eventually take field trips and gain exposure to their STEM programs.

The second Tri-Ute Leadership Conference will take place with collaboration between the three Ute tribes’ education departments. The Southern Ute Education Department hosted the first conference at Fort Lewis College. On Aug. 4-7, the Northern Ute Tribe will host at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

This conference offers a wide range of workshops, from preparing students for the college process to social, emotional and cultural activities. Also, on Aug. 17 we are planning a parent conference at FLC with the Ute Mountain Ute, Ignacio, Durango and Cortez school districts, along with the Colorado Department of Education and Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Parents of American Indian students in Bayfield and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will be invited as well. We are hoping this conference will help parents understand the K-12 education process and how to better advocate for your children.

In April, we will have our annual Career Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. More than 300 students will attend and view more than 50 business and college vendors. At this time, the Education Department will have tribal scholarship application packets and information on our Summer Youth Employment Program.

For the past three years, we have had at least 40

Southern Utes of ages 14 through 18 employed. Any one over the age of 18 has other employment opportunities with the tribe. Under the Education Department’s Adult Occupational Training Program, we can employ tribal members 16 and older. Visit the Human Resources Department for other employment opportunities.

We are planning our second Leadership in Education trip. Last year, we took 15 students to Washington, D.C.; this year, we are looking at a local state capital, such as Denver or Santa Fe. With this program, students must commit to working hard in school and having good attendance. They also develop a service-learning project and help raise some of the funds for the trip. June 3-7 is when the trip will take place.

For the past three years, the tribe has combined the high school senior and college banquet. It is very important for our young tribal members to be honored and to witness older tribal members, who may be friends or family members, obtaining their higher education. This is a way to inspire our young tribal members to go and better their selves. The banquet will be in June.

In regards to the scholarship program: As the director and a fellow tribal member, I need to clarify and let the membership know that we have researched “for-profit” colleges and institutes for four years now and recommended that the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council no longer fund scholarships to such schools for a variety of reasons.

We have researched this issue and find that these institutions are usually financially three times the amount of a not-for-profit institution. Most colleges will not transfer credits from for-profit schools. Businesses will hire an individual with a degree from a not-for-profit school before they hire from a for-profit school.

The federal government is concerned with the amount of education money it is awarding to students that at-

tend for-profit institutions. For example: Take a student who goes to University of Colorado and applies for a Pell Grant or student loan for tuition for one term. For the same term at a for-profit institution, the government is giving the student three times the amount.

Essentially, three students from CU could be funded for every one student at a for-profit school like the University of Phoenix.

In 2011, the University of Phoenix received \$4.3 billion of income from federal student aid, nearly eight times as much as the largest nonprofit recipient, Pennsylvania State University. We have several students that have experienced, at a for-profit college, receiving loans that they had no idea they received. The students didn’t want the loans, but somehow they were billed and forced to take them.

Our staff called the college on behalf of one student. We were transferred half a dozen times to try to talk to the right person. When we finally got a person, we asked them to produce documentation to show where the student signed for the loan. We were told “You are a third party entity and we will not talk to you.” We then recommended the student get a lawyer.

Our experience shows that they change tuition costs and give the students one cost and the department another. They make it difficult for students to be enrolled in 15 or more credits per term, which con-

flicts with the tribe’s policies. They have high employee turnover, so every year we and the student have to try to establish a relationship with a new employee.

All other institutes have academic advisors that we speak to. For-profit institutions typically have financial advisors. As director, I posed as a potential student — and I was going to be admitted, as long as I had a good credit score and some form of financial account they could access.

In addition, their recruiting practices are deceptive and mislead students. They prey on students that are eligible for Title V (financial aid minorities and people with low income). In December 2009, the University of Phoenix was fined \$78.5 million for illegally paying recruiters for the number of students they enrolled and giving empty promises of employment and prestige.

Students are not being taught to multitask. At a not-for-profit institution, a full-time student will take four to six courses a week for five months. They are learning to think in a variety of ways and have to manage numerous courses at once.

A for-profit school will normally give one or two classes every five weeks. With this type of schedule, and the courses being on-line, the student has a lot of downtime.

This type of system also conflicts with our scholarship distribution schedule. Policy requires grades before the next term of pay-


ments can be made. Credits overlap terms, and students are upset when we hold a scholarship payment until proof of all credits is submitted with a transcript. It is difficult for the department and student to obtain an official transcript, because there is always a hold on students’ financial accounts because they forget we have a letter of credit or do not communicate with us.

Tribal policy states that we don’t pay for retakes or failed courses. When this happens to a student attending a for-profit college, they have to pay more than \$1,000 for the retake — as opposed to not-for-profit colleges, in which the same course is roughly \$300. In addition, their system pushes students’ graduation dates back up to five weeks for each failed course.

We spoke to the Northern Ute Tribe, and they will not fund for-profit institutions because of the costs and lack of quality.

As a Southern Ute, and being the director for 12 years, I know we are better and smarter people than what the for-profit institutions are offering us and the entire nation. Our members need to obtain a high-quality education so that our future employees, administrators and leaders can run our government and businesses with confidence and pride.

The Education Department has a web page that you can access from the tribe’s main website, or call us at 970-563-0237 for help.




Southern Ute Police Department Christmas Light Contest Winners

Hosted by the Southern Ute Police Department
Thank you all for participating in this years 9th Christmas light contest.

1st: Frank Thompson
2nd: Teresa Campbell
3rd: Gloria Frost

Southern Ute Public Relations Christmas Door Contest Winners

1st: Human Resources Department
2nd: Tribal Services Department
3rd: All participants
Youth 1st: Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary



EDUCATION UPDATE

VALENTINE’S DAY CARD AND SCRAPBOOK CLASS

In this class participants will learn to make Valentine’s Day cards from paper using rubber stamps, ribbon, lace, and other accent materials. They will also learn a fun craft technique that can be used on other cards and in scrapbooks, or photo albums. This class will be held at the Southern Ute Education Department, on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Supplies will be provided, you can also bring your supplies, bring photos. If you have any questions, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

SIX MONTHS EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM NOW TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education

Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at www.GEDcomputer.com. The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details. **The GED test will be changing Jan. 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the Jan. 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5

Southern Ute Education Department



Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3rd-5th grader? Not sure what to do after school?
Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a “green” building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum’s enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5th grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning **September 27th**, and running on **Thursdays through January 31st**.

Further information is available online at our website: www.durangodiscovery.org. See you in the lab!

spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration



For further questions please contact:
Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager
Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • jen@durangodiscovery.org



Boots on the ground



courtesy Chuck Lawler/SU Water Resources Division

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Aaron V. Torres and Howard D. Richards Sr. help man the tribe's booth at the annual meeting of the Colorado River Water Users Association in Las Vegas. The Ten Tribes Partnership of the Colorado River, of which the Southern Ute Tribe is a member, hosted the meeting this year. Both council members also participated in meetings related to planning future work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to protect Indian water rights in the basin.

SACRED TOBACCO • FROM PAGE 1

realized that they had endless support in their endeavor to educate themselves and others about tobacco.

Two months of filming, four months of editing and seemingly endless hours of collaboration resulted in the completion of the film "Keep It Sacred" on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The film began as a simple idea, formed by a group of children that wanted to discover more about the mysterious subject of tobacco.

Community members Ed-die Jr. and Betty Box, Anthony Konkol, Clarence Smith, Elise Redd, Alden Naranjo, Nathan StrongElk, Virgil Morgan, Mariel Balbuena and Mari Reprado volunteered their time, talents and knowledge to the making of the film.

Support of the film spread throughout the community and organizations including Youth Services, SunUte Community Center, Roots, Celebrating Healthy Com-



munities Coalition and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The Cultural Department and Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum donated their facilities and resources to the film.

AmeriCorps volunteer Ryan Martin helped with scriptwriting and audio recording, David Quiroz donated his music, and the Zor-thian family donated their skills in the forms of acting in the film and music for the credits.

On Friday, Dec. 18, the Tribal Council signed a resolution establishing a 100-foot perimeter from the south entrance of the SunUte Community Center bringing

the two-year project "full circle" and to its culmination, demonstrating its ongoing support of children, health and wellness and our future generations.

Future projects may include also establishing these perimeters around the ball fields and other places that children play and may be exposed to secondhand smoke.

Thanks to the generosity of these individuals and organizations, the film "Keep It Sacred" was completed and accepted to be showcased at the Durango Film Festival, which will take place Feb. 27 through March 3.

Come see the result of this community collaboration and support the incredible kids that produced this film by filling the seats of the theater during the screening of "Keep It Sacred" at the film festival. There will also be a screening of the film at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility on Friday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

United Blood Services, Blood Drives

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

1st Methodist, Church Hall
515 N Park, Cortez

Friday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ute Mountain Casino Hotel and Resort,
Bingo Hall, 3 Weeminuche Dr., Towaoc

Monday, Jan. 21, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Pine Valley Foursquare Church, Fellowship
Hall, 1328 CR 501, Bayfield

Thursday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Fort Lewis College, Vallecito Room, 1000
Rim Dr., Durango

Friday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Animas Surgical Hospital, Bloodmobile,
575 Rivergate Ln., Durango

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bayfield High School – Gym
800 CR 501, Bayfield

INTERIM DIRECTOR • FROM PAGE 1

the highlights of my entire career."

Nevertheless, after five years on the job, Shemberger and his wife decided it was time for something new. He accepted an offer from Community Health Systems, a large for-profit hospital operator, to take the reins of Watsonville Community Hospital in Santa Cruz County, the strawberry capital of California.

Mercy was later lost to Hurricane Katrina.

The California post presented its own unique set of lessons, he said, with a large population of indigent and migrant-worker patients to serve.

In 2008, Shemberger made another move, this time to a highly visible post: CEO of Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, hospital to the stars.

"It was the most diversified hospital I'd every heard of," he said, adding that the staff and patients routinely spoke more than 40 languages. "It was amazing the kind of challenges that that brought to the table."

When the Korean com-

pany that owned the hospital later decided to sell, Shemberger chose to return to Arizona, the state he now considers home. It was then that he began taking on interim assignments — including one that gave him his first exposure to Indian Country. He spent about a year and a half as interim head of Gila River Health Care, which serves roughly 26,000 members of the Gila River Indian Community and their neighbors south of Phoenix.

When asked what appealed to him about the Southern Ute job — in terms of population served, the smallest post of Shemberger's career — he said it's about more than the numbers.

"You get to a point in your career where you're not looking for a job," he said. "It's the opportunity to take your wealth of knowledge, your history of experience ... and be able to do something really positive for some people."

Shemberger first made a trip to Ignacio after receiving a call from an interim-recruiting firm. The most impressive first impression,

he said, was of the people.

"My experience so far has been uniquely different than other assignments," he said. "I was very impressed. The people just seemed so pleasant. It was just a very pleasant experience to come up and meet with them."

Since coming on board in mid-November, Shemberger said his priority has been to establish a vision for what Southern Ute health care should look like. Since the tribe took over management of the Southern Ute Health Center from the U.S. Indian Health Service in September 2009, the department has been in a transitional phase, he said.

What health care on the Southern Ute Reservation will look like is ultimately up to the people, he said, but he hopes to use his background and experience to try to help the community "to understand what's possible." From his perspective, accessibility, variety and quality of services and programs are an obvious place to start.

"We can deliver high-quality health care," he said.



Hero Project

Who: Ignacio Junior High School Youth

NOT PLAYING GIRLS BASKETBALL OR WRESTLING??
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING EXCITING TO DO?
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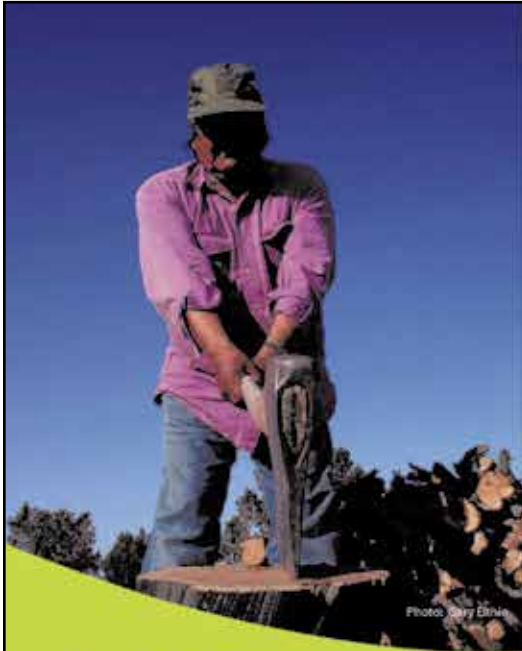
What: High Adventure Activities including:

Dog Sledding, Horse Back Riding, Snow Shoeing, Sledding, Ice Climbing and Rappelling, Shelter Building, Survival Skill Building, Paintball, Archery, Slack-lining, Pottery, Mask Making, Land Navigation, Kite Boarding and More!!

When: Wednesday and Saturday; January 16th—March 6th

Where: Ignacio, Durango, Bayfield and Pagosa Springs Areas

For more information contact the Ignacio Teen Center or Zach Bertrand @
970-563-4127 or 970-563-9235



Wood Smoke and Your Health

Small particles and pollutants in wood smoke can trigger asthma attacks. Wood smoke has also been linked to heart attacks in people with heart disease.

Even occasional exposure to wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD



STEP 1 SPLIT

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Split small pieces for kindling



STEP 3 COVER

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood - don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack



STEP 2 STACK

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground. Stack it on rails
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down



STEP 4 STORE

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Cracked ends on the wood typically means it is dry enough to burn



Is your wood dry? Take the moisture meter test.

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that allow you to test the moisture level in wood are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. Dry wood creates a hotter fire. Hotter fires save wood - ultimately saving you time and money.

Clean and Efficient Heating Checklist
Burning dry firewood can save money and protect you and your family's health. A properly installed and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

- ☐ Start a small fire with dry kindling then add a few pieces of wood.
- ☐ Give the fire plenty of air - fully open the air controls until the fire is roaring.
- ☐ Burn the fire to heat the chimney or flue before adding more wood.
- ☐ Keep space between the firewood as you add more to the fire.
- ☐ Check for local burn bans and avoid fireplace and wood stove use while in effect.
- ☐ Avoid burning garbage, treated lumber, or saltwater driftwood. Burning these items can damage your stove and cause serious health issues.
- ☐ Have your stove and chimney professionally inspected and serviced yearly if possible.
- ☐ If available, refer to your owner's manual for start-up guidelines.
- ☐ A smoldering fire, "dirty" glass doors, or smoke from the chimney are all signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.

Properly dried wood is lighter, has cracks in the grain on the end, and sounds hollow when knocked against another piece of wood.





Sleeping in the cold



Red willows stand out against the crystalized snow bordering frozen waterways.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



The Pine River babbles beneath the blue ice as it meanders seasonally through Ute lands.



Deer continue to feed in their natural habitat along the Pine River.



The La Plata Mountains above Durango, as seen from Southern Ute lands, show signs of a dry winter and shallow snowpack.

Tasty tamales



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum hosted a tamale-making workshop on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012. Several tribal elders attended, along with friends and family.



Southern Ute elder Dixie Naranjo was ready to dig in for the making of tamales.

With boughs of frosting



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

On Friday, Jan. 4, the Southern Ute Cultural Department sponsored a gingerbread house-making workshop for tribal youth. The workshop, hosted at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, was organized by Education Coordinator Lindsay Box to provide an extracurricular activity during the school break.

Boys and girls decorate their gingerbread tips with an assortment of candy, binding the ingredients together with sweet frosting.



Do you have questions about your Indian mineral ownership or royalties

Department of the Interior Oil and Gas Royalty question and answer sessions
Wednesday, Feb. 20

BIA - Southern Ute Agency
8:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Southern Ute Senior Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.



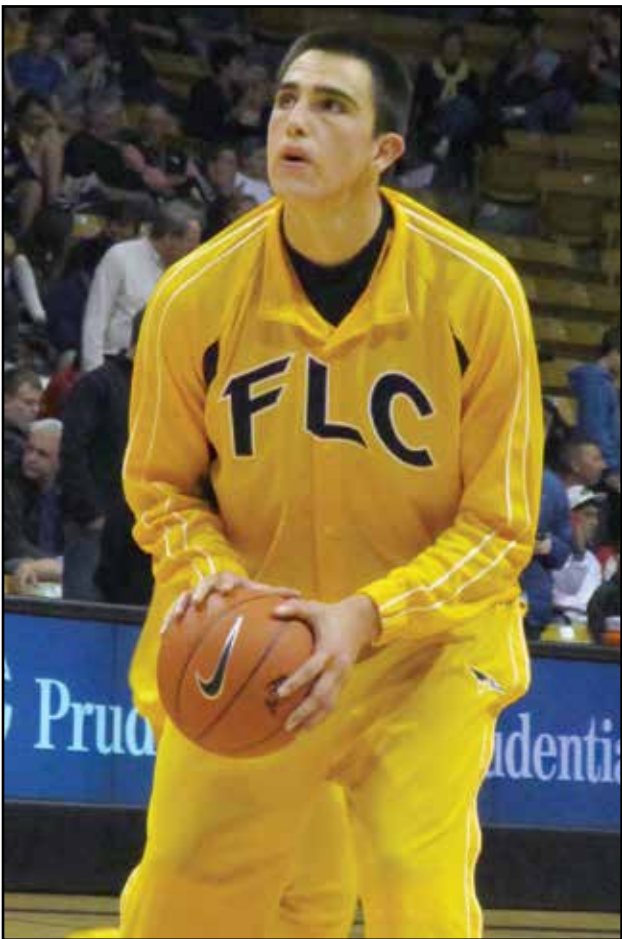
SKYHAWK SPORTS REPORT

‘Big Al’ a big boon to FLC

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Before Christmas, Fort Lewis College was lumped in with “Others Receiving Votes” — essentially tied for 30th nationwide — in the NCAA/NABC Division II men’s basketball rankings. Thanks in no small part to Ignacio High School product Alex Herrera, the Skyhawks could win a coveted top-25 spot soon. “Big Al,” as he was known to Bobcat backers, booked a 17-point, 10-rebound effort during FLC’s second outing of 2013 — a tense 65-63 win Saturday, Jan. 5 over Black Hills State in Spearfish, S.D. — as the Fort improved to 9-1 overall, 6-1 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

A starter in every engagement so far, Herrera ranks third among the Hawks in scoring (12.8 ppg), but first in field-goal percentage (48-of-75, 64 percent), rebounding (8.0 per game) and blocked shots (1.9 per game) entering this weekend’s home contests against New Mexico Highlands and Western New Mexico — 7:30 p.m. tipoffs on Jan. 11 and 12, respectively. Conference play takes Fort Lewis to Denver next weekend for clashes at Regis University on Friday, Jan. 18 and at Metro State on Saturday, Jan. 19. The Hawks then return to host Colorado Christian University (Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.) and Colorado School of Mines



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ex-Ignacio Bobcat Alex Herrera readies his free-throw release prior to Fort Lewis College’s non-conference game in Boulder last season against Colorado.

(Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.) at Whalen Gymnasium, affording ample opportunity to witness the 6-foot-10 sophomore doing his thing.

ALUMNA UPDATE

Much shorter in height, but an IHS graduate all the same, volleyball setter Ry-lie Jefferson was also active at the next level during the fall. As a Colorado Northwestern Community College freshman in Rangely,

Jefferson and her teammates endured a rebuilding program’s struggles in 2012, as the Lady Spartans went 0-25 (one match in Canada not reported) and fell from the NJCAA Region XVIII Tournament in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Coeur d’Alene-based North Idaho College. Interim head coach April Sanchez reported via email that Jefferson had elected to concentrate on academics and departed the team prior to the start of the school’s SWAC slate.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Elco Garcia, right, jabs into opponent Antonio Mesquita during his previous bout — ending in a unanimous-decision victory — last March in Ignacio.

SKY UTE FIGHTS

Garcia back in the game

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Oct. 20, 2012, was to be the centennial celebration of one of the most heralded bouts ever held in the Land of Enchantment. And Ignacio middleweight Elco Garcia was to be part of the tribute.

Unfortunately, emphasis in those two sentences ends up resting on the word “was.”

Carlos Crespín of Las Vegas, N.M.-based Crespín Promotions, working in connection with Albuquerque-based Chavez Promotions, looked to set up a ring and a six-fight slate inside the smaller town’s Robertson High School gym in memory of when heavyweight legend Jack Johnson visited to scrap with Pueblo, Colo., transplant “Fireman” Jim Flynn.

Appropriately, a world-title clash was in the cards, but those cards were never dealt. Fortunately, many of the scheduled fighters had also committed to — and did compete at — the following weekend’s Saturday Night Fights inside the Duke City’s Kiva Auditorium.

Garcia (26-8, 12 KO) was not one of them.

But three extra months’ worth of training time will hopefully bear fruit Saturday, Jan. 19 inside the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Events Center, when Garcia will headline “Rumble in the Rockies,” co-staged by a company new to the Four Corners scene.

In association with Sky Ute Boxing, Prize Fight Boxing — based south of Memphis, Tenn., in Southaven, Miss. — will help put on the eight-bout pro card, with

Azerbaijan-born Rahman Yusubov (9-9, 7 KO) to face Garcia for eight rounds of junior-middleweight battle.

Logging five fights during a busy 2012, Yusubov (now fighting out of Dallas) is coming off the most impressive win of his career, KOing former WBA welterweight champ James Page (25-5, 19 KO) in the second round back in November, just after his 29th birthday, in Sacramento, Calif.

Before that, however, he’d lost seven straight, including to El Paso, Texas’ Abie Han (18-0, 12 KO).

“I have resurrected my career and will not lose again,” Yusubov said in a preliminary press release. “I now have a great team around me and am in the best shape of my life. What happened to Page will happen to Garcia, and I look forward to doing it in front of all his fans.”

Going into his 35th professional bout, and undoubtedly familiar with such pre-fight posturing, Garcia expressed similar, though more muted, personal confidence in his comments.

“I have watched film on Yusubov,” said “The Animal,” “and he is very aggressive and will come right at me. This is going to be a treat for all boxing fans of the Four Corners area. I look forward to putting on a crowd-pleasing show.”

Preceding Garcia-Yusubov will be an eight-rounder between experienced super-middleweights Dominic Wade (11-0, 8 KO) of Largo, Md., and Tony Hirsch (13-5, 6 KO) of Oakland, Calif. And leading in will be a six-rounder between super-middles Tony Mack (Plano, Texas; 2-0, 1 KO) and Jo-

seph Hill (Detroit; 6-1, 2 KO). Mack was a 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials quarterfinalist at 178 pounds, but lost to eventual runner-up Jerry Odom in Colorado Springs.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with first bell targeted for 7. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$55 and can be purchased at the Sky Ute Box Office (888-842-4180) or online at www.skyutecasino.com.

Also on the undercard as of Monday, Jan. 7: Hector Sanchez (Albuquerque; DEBUT) vs. Omar Quevedo (Albuquerque; 0-6), four rounds at lightweight; I.V. Anderson (Dallas; 1-0) vs. Manuel Eastman (Los Lunas, N.M.; 1-3), four at middleweight; Zamir Young (Shiprock, N.M.; 0-1) vs. Henry Anaya (Albuquerque; 1-2), four at super-middleweight; Steve Victor (Shiprock; 1-1-1, 1 KO) vs. Cory Richards (Dallas; DEBUT), four at junior-middleweight; Angelo Leo (Albuquerque; 1-0) vs. Julio Gomez (Albuquerque; 1-0), four at bantamweight.

Having backed bouts involving names like Vitali Klitschko, Roy Jones Jr., Jermain Taylor — as well as the 2003 Laila Ali-Christy Martin clash which grossed \$600,000 at the gate — Prize Fight happened to co-promote what turned out to be the biggest bout in boxing history.

When Lennox Lewis defeated Mike Tyson in Memphis on June 8, 2002, for the WBC/IBF/IBO heavyweight belts, the fight shattered not only the live-gate receipts record with some \$17 million, but also the gross pay-per-view sales mark with \$108 million.

IHS WRESTLING

Young Cats maturing with action

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Preseason held a strong preview for Ruben Velasquez — and, for that matter, Ignacio High’s wrestling newcomers as a whole in 2012-13 — before it even officially began.

Stepping onto the mat Saturday, Nov. 3 at Rocky Mountain Nationals’ Monster Match National in Denver, Velasquez — competing at 156 pounds in the 15U age division — lost his first match by pin in less than a minute, and was eliminated in his second by a minimum-score technical fall.

His opening opponent, Vernal, Utah’s Alek Shope, had just begun his eighth-grade year at VJHS, and follow-up foe Lane Saunders had just cracked ninth at

Los Alamos (New Mexico) High.

But despite being comparable in age to the Bobcat, the opponents’ skill — Shope a member of in-town Extreme Wrestling, a feeder club for 3A stronghold Uintah, and Saunders an NMAA Class 4A State Championships qualifier (going 3-2 at 138) in ’12 as an eighth-grader — indeed proved superior.

At least there was an idea of what prep-level wrestling would be like, meet in and meet out.

And through the 2012 half of Ignacio’s schedule, Velasquez and classmates Javan Webb, Mathew Powell and Dustin Hall have learned those ropes through lumps gained, yielding a cumulative record of 20-30 through the Saturday, Dec. 22 Piedra Vista Invitational.

More will come in rapid succession. That’s not necessarily bad; the Cats have already twice shown San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores their determination, losing a close 36-30 dual on Friday, Dec. 21 at DHS, but atoning for it with a 30-30 draw the next day in Farmington, N.M.

Ignacio leaps into 2013 at the Friday, Jan. 11 Rocky Mountain Duals in Pagosa Springs, then continues at the Pirates’ Rocky Mountain Invitational the next day (9 a.m. start).

The 42nd Annual Rob Mickel Memorial Invite awaits Saturday, Jan. 19 in Salida, with an overnigher in Paonia — for the PHS Mixed Duals on Jan. 25 and the Screaming Eagle Invitational on Jan. 26 — also quickly approaching.

Bobcats take court in Dolores



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Sky Cotton rips the ball away from Dolores’ Brianna Schwartz (11) as DHS’ Lexi Atkinson (12) observes during Tuesday, Jan. 8 San Juan Basin League action inside DHS Gymnasium. Cotton ended up with 12 points offensively, and teammates Michelle Simmons (12 points), Valerie Armstrong (10 points) and Mariah Vigil (13 points) also cracked double figures as the Lady Bobcats shocked the Lady Bears 55-48 (Dolores had led 30-29 at halftime), winning their SJBL opener and improving to 4-2 overall.



Ignacio’s Clayton Jefferson (11) glides past Dolores’ Hayden Plewe (1) for a left-handed roll attempt on Tuesday, Jan. 8 inside DHS Gymnasium. Matching teammate Kelton Richmond’s 17 points for the team high, Jefferson also had strong offensive support from Bobcats Justin Carver (14 points) and Wyatt Hayes (nine points) in a 69-55 San Juan Basin League victory beginning 2013. Now 5-1 overall and ranked No. 6 in Class 2A by the Denver Post, the Bobcats will travel to Aztec, N.M., this weekend for the 4A Tigers’ “Rumble in ‘The Jungle.’”



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY

Katrina M. Martinez on Jan. 1, 2013

To my "New Years Baby"

Well... Your path has had its share of little and big pebble but thus far you've persevered and you're a bright light in my life and thank you for all the love and laughter you bring. May your birthday and everyday continue to be a good one for you that you may spread sunshine and joy to those who come to know you as well as everyone who is fortunate to have you in their lives. We love you!

Mom-ke, David, Nate Jr., "Poppa" Brother, Moar & Family.



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

CULTURE DEPT. THANKS

The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to thank all the volunteers who helped put together the 600 goodie bags for the tribal Christmas program, the volunteers who helped at the tribal Christmas dinner, and all the wonderful performers who did an awesome job entertaining the crowd!

We would like to especially thank the Tribal Council and Executive Office for their support, the Southern Ute Royalty for doing a wonderful job throughout the dinner and program, and the Sky Ute Casino Resort staff for the delicious meal and fabulous service provided to the tribal membership and families.

Thank you to Sandman and Hummingbird Sound for

providing sound, music and a great slideshow; to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who traveled all the way to Ignacio to be with us; and The Southern Ute Drum, which took many, many pictures covering this wonderful event!

We look forward to working with you next year! Have a safe and happy New Year!

Southern Ute Cultural Department

A LACK OF DECISIVE LEADERSHIP

The tribe's Constitution is a unicameral system with most powers resting with the Tribal Council. Not to be overly dramatic about it: The membership has seen the continual decline in skills to become effective leaders. But let's be realistic, the council members are hopelessly na-

ive, inept, and do not have a core of competency.

At this point, the Tribal Council is in a unique position of trust and owes a special duty of care to its membership. U.S. Attorney Diane Humetewa said, "Where there is a violation of that duty, we have a responsibility to make sure they are accountable."

I'm sure you are well aware of the impact of this important duty is primarily a federal issue. Most importantly, the tribal membership is convinced that Tribal Council must accept the limits of their knowledge. A key factor is to strengthen and develop a self-sustaining council through education, training, development and leadership.

*Orville G. Hood
Tribal elder*

EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♈ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR CAPRICORN! Monthly Theme: Leadership. An ambitious NEW MOON in your sign teams up with THE SUN, MERCURY, VENUS, and PLUTO to boldly propel you into 2013. Almost immediately there may be people who will look to you for leadership, mainly because your organizational skills and calm demeanor inspire confidence. This is your month to show them off CAPRICORN. What's more your current status is at a high point. VENUS enters your sign on the 8th and enhances your magnetism. Love, gifts, and prestige may be coming your way this year.

♊ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Monthly Theme: Motivation. Ever since MARS entered your sign on Christmas Day you've been on a roll, and super-charged with energy to spare. Regardless of the pile-up of planets in the self-doubt area of chart, you'll still be able to move forward with fresh plans for 2013. Business and personal objectives have more clarity after the 19th when the SUN and MERCURY join MARS in your sign. The planetary pattern this month suggests you finish old business before taking on additional responsibilities.

♋ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Monthly Theme: Excitement. There's no post holiday let down for you this month! Friendly planets activate the social section of your chart, and celebrate your popularity. You might be in high demand Little Fishes. After the 8th VENUS, the ultimate party planet sashays into business minded CAPRICORN and makes work feel more like play. Keep your wits about you PISCES, this is a good month to launch some of your long held dreams. Detach yourself from those who try to involve you in "get rich quick" schemes.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Monthly Theme: Responsibility. This is a goal-oriented month for you Rams. Work and employment interests take priority as 2013 begins. Genuine efforts that are put into motion now should pay off handsomely later on. Be diligent in your duties, a laid back attitude won't work for you this month. Utilize your creative ARIES skills, try some fresh techniques. Several planets and the SUN have assembled at the highest point in your chart and signify the necessity to attend to matters concerning your elders.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Monthly Theme: Planning. The NEW MOON joins forces with a cluster of planets on the 11th and stimulates your thought waves. JANUARY'S celestial line-up brings out the practical side of your personality TAURUS. It's likely that making future plans are right at the top of your 2013 list of things to do. Furthermore, SATURN'S continued trek through your opposite sign of SCORPIO denotes the necessity to pay attention to close relations and their specific needs. Be flexible TAURUS, an open mind is your best option this month.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Monthly Theme: Organization. Wake up GEMINI...there's important news regarding finances! Starting this month a realistic method of bill paying can be put into motion. The NEW MOON links with a few planets on the 11th to help steer you on a course towards more consistent practices. You might want to begin with cutting back on non-essentials. Pay off what you can. Organize your financial affairs. The bottom line is to find some relaxing activities to quiet the worry-wart aspect of your busy GEMINI personality.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Monthly Theme: Relationships. Patience may not be in your corner this month Moon Kids, particularly with partners, or those closest to you. Contrary to what most of us think, instant gratification can't be had in an instant. January's planetary pattern centers on the partnership quarter of your chart. Clear and honest communications might enable you to settle old issues. VENUS and NEPTUNE help your cause on the 9th, by favoring you with intuition, and the ability to choose the best words to say to insure that harmony prevails in your household.

♈ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Monthly Theme: Concentration. Hey there Lions, typically January is all about work and health practices. The start of this brand new year puts the emphasis squarely on those post holiday goodies...take the high road LEO, pamper your Kingly, and Queenly selves with healthier foods, exercise, or perhaps an acupuncture treatment. Meditation techniques may be helpful as well. The good news is that you have the mighty SUN as your sign ruler, and robust health is generally the natural state of a LEO individual.

♋ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Monthly Theme: Creativity. JANUARY'S powerful planetary line-up may be gifting you with better working conditions, and the chance to have your work be more satisfactory. Some of you may have changed jobs, or departments. The SUN, MERCURY, VENUS, and PLUTO have gathered in the creative, playful zone of your chart indicating that it's important to take time out to relax. Mix it up a little VIRGO and enjoy being both creative, and productive. The NEW MOON on the 11th encourages a loving aura, and good times with the folks you care about the most.

♋ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Monthly Theme: Completion. Domestic chores, and finalizing unfinished property improvements will be the main point of this month's scene. Four planets have glided into the home and family section of your chart and are promoting closer ties with your kinfolk. You're a master of diplomacy, and have a gentle way of smoothing over discord. Keep the family peace LIBRA, and set your sights on having a bright, happy, and prosperous year ahead.

♋ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Monthly Theme: Communications. A post holiday rush of activity fills your days with errands, short trips, visits, and phone conversations. Fortunately the current planetary influence is loaded with common sense ideas. People you deal with on a daily basis might benefit from what you say. Learn from your past mistakes SCORPIO. It's a New Year, begin it with a clean slate. It may be best to steer clear of involving yourself in the problems of outsiders. Family comes first.

♋ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Monthly Theme: Practicality. While big ideas and exciting adventures may appeal to your Saggie nature, the NEW YEAR commences on a more practical note. The SUN, MERCURY, VENUS, and PLUTO congregate in the earthy sign of CAPRICORN denoting a well thought out course of action may work wonders for you during the coming year. Efficiency and ambition can help to further your goals. Plan your financial interests wisely this year SAGITTARIUS. VENUS encourages monetary rewards after the 8th when it slips into the finance area of your chart.

OBITUARIES



MYORE – Manuel Myore, Jr., 36, died Monday, December 31, 2012, in Massachusetts. A funeral service was Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Room on Ute Road. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio. Visitation was held at Hood Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Mr. Myore, Jr. was born January 14, 1976, in Roosevelt, Utah, to Manuel Myore, Sr., and Joyce Frost. Manuel grew up in Ignacio and attended Ignacio schools. He attended tech school in Phoenix and obtained a degree in Graphic Arts and Computer Animation. He held various jobs throughout the area and he also participated in the "Rolling Deep" car club chapter in Ignacio. He met Samantha Harmon and they were married in Niagara Falls in 2001. They moved to the Mesa, Ariz., area for a few years, then to Utah and Ignacio but had recently moved to Massachusetts. Manuel enjoyed all sports and especially liked to watch his children play their sports. He was an avid fan of the Denver Broncos and was a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe.

He is survived by Samantha Myore (spouse) of North Reading, MA, Manuel Richard Myore (son) of North Reading, MA, Roo Myore (son) of North Reading, MA, Trevor Brown Myore (son) of North Reading, MA, Joyce and Vernon Frost (mother and stepfather) of Ignacio, CO, Manuel Myore, Sr. (father) of Roosevelt, UT, Theron John Myore (brother) of Roosevelt, UT, Devon Frost (brother) of Ignacio, CO, Cameron Frost (brother) of Ignacio, CO, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other extended family members.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Christopher R. Rizzo

Job title: Administrative assistant/public relations coordinator trainee

Job duties: Building relationships with fellow members of the tribe. Administrative duties consist of my participation in a positive, supportive, and team oriented environment. PR duties consist of attending meetings for the proper planning of tribal related events.

Hobbies: Reading, writing, organizing, socializing and meeting new people.

Family: (Mum) Lida S. Allen-Weaver, (Sister) Crystal E. Rizzo, (Brother) and Daniel J. Rizzo.

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Comments: It has been a privilege working for the Tribe up to this point. It is in my best interest to be able to establish relationships with each member of the Tribe.



Angelica Zuni

Job title: Business office manager

Job duties: Medical billing.

Hobbies: Snowboarding.

Tribe: Isleta Pueblo/San Juan Pueblo

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January 11, 2013



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Sign up by January 14, 2013 and let's get them REZolutions working.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Your input is needed! Our Club now has its own Board of Directors to create its vision, plan programs, develop funding, and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. Board meetings held second Tuesday each month, 5:30-7pm

There is one seat open to tribal members or community members. Applications available at:

- SunUte Community
- www.bgcsu.org

Applications due February 11th, 2013

For more information, contact Marissa Rocha, CPO, @ 970.563.0100 x2694 or mrocha@southern-ute.nsn.us

INVITATION TO ATTEND

31st ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 7 - 9, 2013
Radisson Fort McDowell Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona



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Deadline to book your room: April 6, 2013

(A tax of 12.75% per room per night will be in effect at the time of check-in)

Conference Theme:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00
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Make checks payable to: NAFWS Southwest Region

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Contact: Norman Jojola (505) 753-1451

FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Contact:
Norman Jojola, Co-Coordinator - (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494
Joe Jojola, Co-Coordinator - (505) 563-3408

A NAFWS SOUTHWEST REGION PROMOTION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Southern Ute Growth Fund, Teirra - FCI, LLC

Architectural Design Services

Date Issued: December 26, 2012

Advertisement and Notice of Invitation

Requests of Qualification Available: The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document for the above named project is available from Mike Foutz, Tierra - FCI, LLC (mfoutz@fcioi.com) on December 28th, 2012.

Tierra - FCI, LLC (Design-Builder) is requesting Statement of Qualification from qualified professionals interested in providing architectural design services for the planning, design and construction documentation of two buildings in Ignacio, Colorado. One building will be approximately 36'000 square foot office building on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") Growth Fund campus. The second building will be an approximately 2,220 square foot building located at the Tribe's wastewater treatment grounds at the south end of Ignacio, Colorado. The architect's team shall include, but is not limited to, the Architect and supporting sub-consultants such as civil engineer, landscape architect, structural engineer, and mechanical/electrical engineer. The selected Architect will work with representatives of the owner and the Design-Builder. The owner reserves the right, at any time during this process, to add, delete, or otherwise modify the proposed scope of services.

The Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) office has established a

preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Tribe's TERO office. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

Response Information: Response (printed Statements of Qualifications) to RFQ are due 4 pm local time January 17, 2013

Delivered to: Tierra - FCI, LLC Attn: Mike Foutz, 186 Moose Lane Durango, Colorado 81303

Email: mfoutz@fcioi.com

Phone: 970-259-8644

Fax: 970-259-8633

Tierra - FCI, LLC will only respond to written questions. Questions may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Mike Foutz at the email address given above.

Deadline to Submit Questions January 10, 2013

Selection: The competitive selection process for responses to the RFQ will focus on the qualifications related to the criteria outlined in the RFQ and prior history of performance on similar projects by the architect and members of the proposed design team. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all of the submittals and waive informalities in the qualifications and responses.

Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Process Engineer

Aka Energy – Closes 1/14/13
Durango, CO. Responsible for providing pipeline and process engineering, technical interpretations and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Senior Process Engineer

Aka Energy – Closes 1/14/13
Durango, CO. Responsible for providing pipeline, compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Summer Intern Engineer

Growth Fund – Closes 1/15/13
Ignacio, CO. A short term training position designed to give college level engineering students work experience in the oil and gas industry appropriate to their skill and knowledge level. Interns work, usually during summer months, under the direct supervision of Engineering and Operations staff to complete duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient construction and operation of oil and gas exploration, production, and midstream facilities. Interns shall provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment.

Business Objects PeopleSoft Lead Architect

SUSS – Closes 1/31/13
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Objects Data Services toolset and Microsoft's SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, maintains and develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning, and Consolidation (BPC) systems, along with other source systems, such as PeopleSoft. The Lead Architect supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer

SUSS – Closes 1/31/13
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Bowling Lead Tech. – FT, closes 1/11/13 *Shuttle Driver w/CDL–OC, closes 1/16/13
*Craps Dealer – FT, closes 1/11/13 * Must be at least 21 years old

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian

Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:
• Be at least twenty-one years of age;
• Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
• Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
• Have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and

confidentiality;
• Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
• Undergo a background investigation.
Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18, 2013. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.
Posted Jan. 11, 2013 – D.O.G.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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In the Legal Name Change of,
Joyce Ann Ford, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2012-0168-CV-NC
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joyce Ann Delaware. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 1, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 14th day of December, 2012.
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Caitlynn Marie Weaver
Case No.: 12-NC-152
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Caitlynn Marie Weaver filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlynn

Marie Schmeisner. As of December 18, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Caitlynn Marie Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Caitlynn Marie Schmeisner.
Dated this 20th day of December, 2012.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 12-NC-153

Brooklynn Weaver
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Brooklynn Weaver filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklynn Jade Schmeisner. As of December 18, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Brooklynn Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Brooklynn Jade Schmeisner.
Dated this 20th day of December, 2012.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Records Clerk

Closes 1/11/13
Provides professional, technical, clerical and program support to the Records Retention Division and the Department of Tribal Information Services as directed. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor

Closes 1/17/13
Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases and adults unable to protect their own interests. Pay grade 22: \$59,512/year.

Social Services Division Head

Closes 1/17/13
Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services to include child/adult welfare protective services, family and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance/ Tribal Work Experience Program, Day Care Grant and Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Pay grade 23: \$65,584/year.

Tribal Services Director

Closes 1/21/13
Professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of human service-related programs providing services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. Pay grade 24: \$74,667/year.

Foster Care Program Coordinator

Closes 1/22/13
Supervises and manages the kinship/foster care program for Social Services. Recruits and trains Southern Ute and other Indian foster families. Pay grade 19: \$42,932/year.

Family Preservation Program Coordinator

Closes 1/22/13
Provides individual and family services for Social Services including counseling, therapy, and consultation on a continuum of care to children, youth, and families who are experiences serious problems that could lead

to out of home placement or otherwise result in the dissolution of the family unit; and/or provide services to families who children are in out-of-home placement and are working toward a case plan goal of reunification according to family preservation principles. Pay grade 20: \$47,868/year.

Administrative Assistant Intern at CDOT

Closes 1/18/13
Southern Ute tribal member only. Intern position under the Tribe's Education Department will be assigned to the CDOT Region Transportation Director's office located at 3803 North Main Ave. Durango, CO. The work hours are form 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Position pays \$10/hour and the intern must provide their own transportation.

Part Time Tribal Court Process Server

Closes 1/18/13
Part-time position (24 hrs./week) will provide support to the Tribal Court Security Officer/ Bailiff's and Tribal Court Clerk office by serving summons, notifications and other relevant documentations to people who are involved in court matters within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This duty will be conducted during and after normal work hours, regular and tribal holidays and weekends with hours to range from early morning to late evening in some cases. Position is 100% grant funded and future employment would be contingent on continued
Grant funding. Pay grade 15: \$14.10/hour.

HVAC Technician

Closes 1/31/13
Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems including machinery, Building Automated System controls, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings. Pay grade 19: \$20.64/hour.

TEAM Job Positions

Open until filled
Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM Jobs positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boxing Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy, a three year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are;
• Must be 21 years of age
• Shall be of good character
• Shall not have been convicted of, or plead

guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses
Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on Jan. 15 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, P.O. Box 737 #74, Ignacio, CO, 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0100 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Vice-Chair 970-563-4710 ext. 2722

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving "participatory action research." The committee will meet at the beginning and the end of

the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable in order to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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FLY-FISHING

New year, new places to fly-fish

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Christmas is past. You found new fly-fishing stuff under the tree. You've hand-written your thank-you notes. Now you're thinking: "2013 is here, it's winter — where can I go and use my new stuff?"

I have some suggestions. If time is a consideration — you might have a job or no vacation time — I suggest the Animas or San Juan rivers. Fish get hungry in the winter, and both of those rivers are home to lots of trout.

In fact, one of the best dry-fly days I have ever had was a February day on the San Juan. The air was cold, no wind, not a cloud in the sky, and every trout in the river thought a size-16 Parachute Adams was the most delicious bug they had ever seen. Go figure.

While the Animas is closer, it does have snow and ice along the banks. Be really careful, take a wading staff, and don't be afraid to try unconventional flies.

I sometimes think cold water can make a trout go braindead. When that happens, all bets for fly selection are off. Just close your eyes and pick a random fly. The results might surprise you.

On the other end of the spectrum for winter fly-fishing, check out the Gulf Coast. This fly-fishing trip means you are either unemployed or have vacation time available, and spending your children's inheritance is not a problem. From Key West, Fla., to Port Isabel,



Texas, the opportunities are endless. Looking at an atlas will show you thousands and thousands of miles to fly-fish in five different states.

While I haven't fished all these places, I have fly-fished in Arizona and highly recommend this Four Corners neighbor.

Most, if not all, of the coast is public. So finding a spot to cast your fly means you only have to pick one of the five gulf states. Having a guide with a flats boat is a fun way to fish the coast, but is by no means necessary.

The middle ground can be a little more challenging, but just as fun. If you have a few days to travel and fly-fish and a little extra money left over from Christmas, try Arizona.

I know what you're thinking: "Where in the desert is fishing, of any sort, available?" The answer is the

entire middle of the state. To stay warm, go to the southern part of the middle. If you draw a horizontal line that passes through Phoenix as the north boundary, and a second horizontal line that goes from Yuma to the eastern boundary of Arizona, as the southern boundary, you have created a winter fly-fishing playground.

I used a book titled "Paddling Arizona" by Tyler Williams to create this area. In this area, there are 12 distinct places to fly-fish. They vary from lakes to streams to tail waters. All are reachable within a full day's drive from Durango, and all have lots of restaurants and motels nearby.

The farthest would be the Colorado River in Yuma. The river actually flows through Yuma, so if you're looking for solitude, this may not be the best place for you. But the winter temperatures are great.

If you like the idea of fly-fishing in an urban setting, try Tempe Town Lake. For the uninitiated, Tempe is a suburb of Phoenix. This lake is home to bass, trout, catfish, and pan-fish. Since my idea of roughing it is bad room service, Tempe holds lots of promise for me.

Other locations in this area include, Apache Lake, Canyon Lake, the Colorado River, and the Lower Salt River.

While I haven't fished all these places, I have fly-fished in Arizona and highly recommend this Four Corners neighbor. In fact, just as soon as I lose the ice machine attached to my knee, a trip southwest is in the cards.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Jan. 11



Snow likely 28°F

Saturday, Jan. 12



Partly sunny 20°F

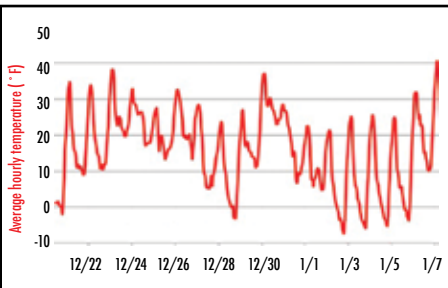
Sunday, Jan. 13



Mostly sunny 21°F

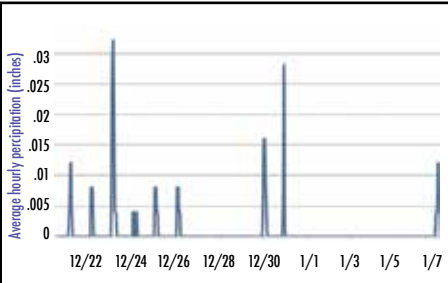


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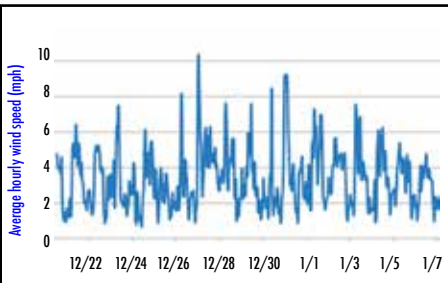
Temperature

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| High | 40.5° |
| Low | -7.3° |
| Average | 16.0° |
| Average last year | 27.0° |



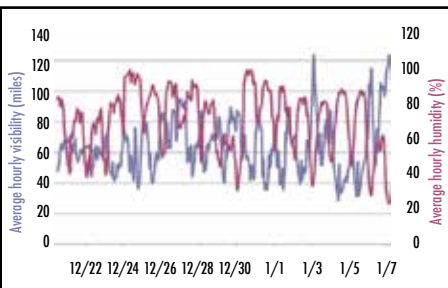
Precipitation

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| Total | 0.31" |
| Total last year | 0.50" |



Wind speed

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| Average | 3.3 |
| Minimum | 0.7 |
| Maximum | 10.3 |



Visibility & humidity

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| Average visibility | 63.8 |
| Average humidity | 69.8% |

Air quality
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 15, 4 P.M.

Teen Writers Workshop

Teens do you love to write? Join us at the Ignacio Community Library's Teen Writers Workshop. Snacks will be provided!

THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 4 P.M.

'The Current' Presentation

Greg Cairns and Stephen Witherspoon will give a presentation about their fundraising efforts using Kickstarter, and how it helped fund their film, "The Current," about the Animas River. For more information about their film, visit their website at www.thecurrentfilm.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

The Library is closed Monday, Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Wi-Fi is available in the parking lot and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. Call the Library at 970-563-9287 for additional information.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22, 5:30 – 7 P.M.

Family Literacy Reading Adventure Night

"It's All About Winter" at the library. Featured book will be The Snow Party by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by story time, crafts, and family fun. Please come and join us for a fun-filled evening! Call the Library at 970-563-9287 and reserve your family a spot, space is limited.

MONDAY, JAN. 28.

10:30 A.M., 2 P.M., 5:30 P.M.

Community Cinema

Filmmaker Byron Hurt explores the upsides and downsides of soul food, a quintessential American cuisine. Soul Food Junkies explores the history and social significance of soul food to black cultural identity and its effect on African American health, good and bad. Soul food will also be used as the lens to investigate the dark side of the food industry and the growing food justice movement that has been born in its wake.